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Dear Dr. Lederberg:



Presently, I am a senior at Stuyvesant High School. As graduation approaches, I find myself thinking more and more about a career, particularly in the field of medical research. I understand that students have used your facilities for research in the past. Although I do not want to do a project of my own, I am hoping that you can offer me a position as a lab assistant during the summer months.

My interest was sparked during my first year in high school, when I was introduced to genetics in my biology class. This year, I am studying biochemistry and loving it. The first term consisted mostly of chemistry and experimental data. During the second term, which is much more medically oriented, we are concentrating on the body's enzymatic systems.

Two other factors have fostered this interest in research. At the moment, my grandmother is suffering from cancer for which she has been treated with surgery, chemotherapy and cobalt treatments. Secondly, my father died eight years ago after fighting a two-year battle against kidney failure brought on by juvenile diabetes mellitus. I believe I have enough strength and intelligence to be able to continue the fight for my father and grandmother, and I am hoping you can give me a head start.

I pinpointed your institution because I was informed of the research taking place there involving diabetes. I would be grateful for any type of assistance or guidance you could offer me. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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